

After an exhaustive search, the Amherst Board of Selectmen is very pleased to announce the appointment of Police Chief Gary MacGuire to the position of Amherst's new Town Administrator effective May 1, 2006.

Chief MacGuire joined the Amherst Police Department in 1976 as a patrolman following his graduation from Saint Anselm Collage. He was promoted to Detective Sergeant in 1981, Lieutenant in 1988, and became Chief in 1991. Chief MacGuire, 51, will retire from his law enforcement career after 30 years of service on May 1st. MacGuire, a lifelong resident of southern New Hampshire resides in Merrimack with his wife and two children.

"There is no question in my mind that Chief Macquire is the best person for this job. I was a selectman when we appointed Gary to be our Chief of Police and judging from his successful stewardship of our police department these past fifteen years, we made the right decision then and we are making the right decision now. It is comforting to know that a person of Gary's character, leadership style and understanding of our town will be helping manage our town and assisting and advising the Board of Selectmen" says chairwomen Marilyn Peterman.

"I have known Chief MacGuire for almost 30 years and he has been an outstanding and dedicated employee during this time. Gary's management style was exactly what we were looking for in the new Town Administrator. Gary has always been willing to listen and has had an open door policy, which he will bring forward to his new position. The Town of Amherst is very fortunate to be able to have Gary continue employment with the town in this new position" says vice-chairman Bruce Bowler.

"Over a period of five to six months we have worked to find the right fit for the Town of Amherst and after a number of interviews and meetings with applicants we have found the ideal candidate in our own back yard. Chief MacGuire is an excellent choice in my opinion as he knows the town and its citizens well and is an honest fair person that will listen and do the research needed to support this board in making the decisions necessary to run the town" says selectman George Infanti

"I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the community for thirty years, and I look forward to the new challenges presented in this new position. The ability to work with the outstanding staff and employees, many of whom I have worked with for years, made this an easy decision to make. The caliber of employees and volunteers in the Town is outstanding, and is the biggest asset town government possesses. The Town has a long tradition of being well governed and providing great service to the citizens at the least cost possible, and I will strive to continue as well as build on that tradition. I am honored by the confidence displayed in me by the Board of Selectmen, and I feel privileged to begin my second career by remaining in the employ of the Town" says Chief MacGuire.